

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Procedures for Briefing Appropriate Members of  
Congress on Soviet ICBM Firings**

The following procedure is established for the purpose of advising appropriate members of Congress of Soviet missile firings.

1. The Office of Scientific Intelligence will brief the Legislative Counsel once a month on Soviet ICBM firings or Satellite launchings which occurred during the previous thirty days.

2. Legislative Counsel will then arrange for and conduct briefings of the following Congressional staff chiefs:

Robert Smart, Chief Counsel, House Committee on Armed Services

Kenneth BeLieu, Staff Director, Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences and Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee.

William H. Darden, Professional Staff Member, Senate Committee on Armed Services.

3. The Legislative Counsel, in briefing these staff chiefs, will do so with the understanding that they will assume responsibility for briefing the Chairman of their respective committees and other appropriate committee members. He will also caution the staff chiefs with regard to security factors pertinent to the briefings, giving the additional warning that there must be no public release of this information.

4. The staff chiefs will be requested to maintain a record of the committee members they have briefed each month. This record will be made available to the Legislative Counsel on request.

5. In instances involving unusual or particularly significant developments pertaining to the Soviet missile or space programs, the Office of Scientific Intelligence will immediately notify the Legislative Counsel who will determine whether the information provided justifies separate staff chief briefings.

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